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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly rewrite claims 1 and 3-10, as follows:*

1. (Amended) Apparatus for assessing the condition of a person support surface which comprises a frame for extending over the support surface, an indenter mounted on said frame and a load sensor disposed between the indenter and the frame, means for pressing the indenter into the support surface, displacement measuring means for measuring the movement of the indenter into the support surface and data processing means for analyzing the force applied to the indenter in relation to the displacement of the

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